



BULLETIN MARCH, 2012

MARCH MEETING

March 21 at 1:30 P.M.

Subject: Sertoma's mission to support hearing loss

Speaker: Mark Johnson, President

The meeting will be held at the North Sarasota Library Meeting Room, 2801 Newtown Blvd. Refreshments will be served following the program.
[Note--The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall was "looped" thanks to Sertoma Sarasota]

Young Hearing Group (YHG)

NEXT MEETING--May 15th, 2012 Dr. Autumn Riley, FAAA, CCC-A & Dr. Victoria L. Moore, FAAA, CCC-A, BC- HIS, Doctor of Audiology, The Hearing Spa '*The Latest Advancements in Hearing Aid Technology*'

Meeting will take place at the Sarasota Herald Tribune, 1741 Main St., Sarasota in the Conference Room at 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Meet in the lobby next to front reception).

For more information contact Alexander Magnus Boakes by phone: 786-457-6205 or by e-mail: alexboakes@msn.com

Are you coming to the BIG Statewide meeting? It is here this year!

Statewide Meetings & Hearing Care Expo

March 24, 2012 Noon – 4 PM

Lakewood Ranch Town Hall

8175 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Lakewood Ranch FL 34202

(Take University 4 lights east of I-75-- turn left on LWR Blvd—one mile on the right))

All are invited to the Expo and the Open Meeting!

Speakers from 1:30 to 3:30 are the Executive Director of HLAA, Brenda Battat and the Past President of the American Academy of Audiology, Pat Kricos. Brenda will speak on how HLAA is addressing your hearing needs, access and rights. Pat will speak about looping Florida. Even if your schedule is limited, come to the Expo from Noon to 1:30 and 3:30 to 4:00. Hearing care professionals, providers and manufacturers will exhibit their latest technologies and hearing solutions. Included among the exhibitors are hearing loop providers, cochlear implant manufacturers and the latest telephone technologies to support those with hearing loss.

Meet HLAS Member

Richard Williams, our new newsletter editor grew up in northeastern Ohio and after a few years of practicing municipal law in Akron, he headed to Chicagoland where he was a city attorney for a number of suburbs and adjunct professor at Northwestern University for 35 years. He argued several cases in the U. S. Supreme Court in the 80's and 90's with 9 Justices firing questions which he heard and fielded. He suffered sudden hearing loss around 1998 and had to curtail an active practice and retired from teaching duties and municipal advocacy in 2008. Since 1969, the family has had and continues to have a condo across from the Venice Yacht Club and love the Sarasota area. He and his wife Judy purchased a home in developing Lakewood Ranch in 1998 and snowbirded until his retirement. Richard was one of the first persons to undergo the Envoy Esteem middle ear implant after 2010 FDA approval. The Esteem is a sound processor based on vibration rather than microphone. His experience is blogged at:
<http://learned-counsel.blogspot.com/>.

Richard has been a member of HLAS for 18 months and has become an advocate of looping. He has brought about the looping of Lakewood Ranch Town Hall and extols its virtues at public forums in the area as well as Illinois. Richard says that the HLAS has introduced him to many assistive devices unknown prior to membership and is impressed with the programs and leadership.

Richard has been married for 45 years with three children (IL, FL and NY) and four grandchildren. He plays golf four days a week and serves on a number of civic and law enforcement boards. He enjoys politics, sports, his iPad and the arts on Florida's west coast..

Welcome New Members

Norbert Bick
Louise Bick
Dave Donnelly

Linda Hoefler
Joseph Jaffe
Peter Knott

Shirley Knott
Pat Naldrett-Bilodeau
James Turnock

Hearing Loop Updates at Sarasota/Manatee Venues

The HLAS website lists all looped locations at <http://hlas.org/wp/>
Recent additions are Glenridge Performing Art Center, Temple Beth Israel, Venice Presbyterian Church, First Church of the Nazarene, First United Methodist Church

Humor of the Month

An elderly man had a serious hearing problem for many years. He went to the doctor and was fitted with this new high-tech hearing aid that allowed him to hear 100% again. He came back to the doctor a month later for a check up. The doctor said, "Wow, your hearing is perfect. Your family must be so excited that you can hear again!" The elderly man said, "No, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the different conversations...and so far I've changed my will 3 times.: